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Jordan Crisis

THE present political crisis in Jordan following the dismissal of the Prime Minister, Mr. Suliman Nabulsi, and the Army Chief of Staff Ali Abu Nuwar, could well lead to a swing in the balance of power in the Middle East. It may if King Hussein manages to retain control even mark a turn in the tide towards reconciliation with the Western Powers.

If King Hussein can manage to retain the support of the Army, an army created by Britain and the only one of consequence among the Arab nations, then he will be able to contain the fervent and over-zealous nationalists who appear to be captivated by President Nasser of Egypt and the Communist-supported radicals.

The pressure on the young King since he was crowned has been tremendous. It was sufficient to dismiss General Glubb, the British appointed commander of the Arab Legion just over a year ago. It was the last act in the abortive attempt to get Jordan to join the Baghdad Pact.

KING Hussein's hopes since then have probably centred on the idea of building up a genuinely independent State. That might have been possible if a strong Jordanian nationalism existed as distinct from Arab nationalism, but the country is an artificial one, created by Britain and sustained until recently by aid from Britain.

There are two main sources of political power in the country. One is the Army, until yesterday led by Ali Abu Nuwar, the Grey Eminence of Jordan, who was the major force behind the dismissal of General Glubb. He saw himself as another Nasser preparing to stage a military coup against the King.

The other force in Jordan is the refugee element living under appalling conditions following their expulsion from Palestine and it is these conditions that have made them ripe for violence.

THE King managed to carry some popularity with this element by his professed anti-British stand but they still remain the unpredictable factor in the balance of power in the country.

It now appears that the Prime Minister and the Chief of Staff were undermining the King's position and preparing to take over the country with the assistance of the Communist-inspired refugees.

The King's sudden and unilateral action in dismissing the Prime Minister and the Army chief seems to point towards a realignment with the West and against Nasser and the Syrians in favour of the Eisenhower doctrine.

If this is the case then the control of Soviet-Egyptian plotting is knocked out of place and there is every likelihood that increased pressure will be put on Jordan in the near future.

HUSSEIN BANISHES THE MAN WHO HELPED OUST GLUBB PASHA FROM THE ARAB LEGION NOW THE KING IS IN CONTROL

New Government Formed BUT DEMONSTRATIONS RAGE IN JORDAN CITIES

London, Apr. 14. Cairo reports say that King Hussein of Jordan had dismissed, arrested and then exiled General Ali Abu Nuwar, the man who is said to have engineered the downfall of Glubb Pasha, head of the Arab Legion.

This was stated today by the Middle East News Agency, which is Egyptian Government sponsored and by the United Press correspondent in Beirut.

A Beirut report said King Hussein was in control in Amman tonight.

But huge crowds are reported to be demonstrating in Jerusalem, Nablus and Ramallah against Hussein.

Loyal Bedouins and conservative elements of the Arab Legion manned tanks and armoured cars to give the King control of the capital, however.

As many as 13 were reported killed in clashes on Saturday night at Zarga Camp, 17 miles north of Amman, between Bedouins of the third regiment, members of the Moslem Brethren Organisation and contingents of artillery supporting General Nuwar.

Both Exiled

The Bedouins are reported to have ordered shops closed and to have shouted slogans calling for the dismissal of General Nuwar and acclaiming King Hussein.

The King visited the camp after the clashes ended, the report added.

Both former pro-Russian Premier Sulaiman El Nabulsi, who was forced to resign last week, and Ali Abu Nuwar, were reported on their way to exile in Syria. Nuwar was later reported to have arrived in Damascus.

Hussein arrested Nuwar with army units loyal to the throne and placed Nabulsi under something resembling house arrest in his palace.

Tanks and armoured cars manned by loyal Arab Legion men drew up around the palace and infantrymen stood with bayonets ready.

Other Legionnaires mounted roadblocks on all roads leading to Amman.

The King's coup broke the back of the leftist coalition which had forced a stalemate in Hussein's efforts to form a new Cabinet to replace the Nabulsi government with something more conservative.

'Lid Could Blow Off'

The general populace has yet to learn of the King's coup and observers believed that when they do the lid could blow off at any time. Only the Army could hope to control demonstrations that could develop into nationwide violence.

King Hussein's test of strength within the Army itself was by no means over, according to high Jordanian and diplomatic sources.

Hussein's fight for control of the Army reportedly began last week, when he began privately sounding out officers on whether they would stick by him.

Nuwar was reported furious when he heard of this and ordered the Army to "maintain order" into a position of strength around Amman.

Nabulsi reportedly averted a military crisis then and the near-escape from open violence reportedly cooled the leftist Premier.

The King demanded and obtained Nabulsi's resignation last week in a dispute over Nabulsi's leftist views.

New Candidate

Nuwar and his officers went along with the political development, confident that Nabulsi would win.

But neither Nabulsi nor Nuwar counted on King Hussein's coup today which undoubtedly saved the Throne, at least for the time being.

It said the King had appointed General Ali El Hiyari to succeed Nuwar, but Reuter said "there was some confusion about such a change".

El Hiyari is reported to favour the Baghdad Pact.

The Middle East News Agency said the situation, following the Royal Palace announcement yesterday that "irresponsible elements" had tried to stir up trouble in the Jordan Army, was "serious" and said in a dispatch from Amman that a number of Jordanian political leaders had been arrested.

New Cabinet

Meanwhile, a Baghdad report quoting a "Jordan diplomatic source" who had just spoken to the Royal Palace in Amman said that "Said El Mufli" had succeeded in forming a new Cabinet in Jordan.



(Top) Nuwar, the man who was ousted by Hussein (centre) and (below) Glubb Pasha, now Sir John Glubb, who was ousted by Hussein and Nuwar.

BIG QUAKE RECORDED

Berkeley, Apr. 15. A major earthquake centred in the south-west Pacific Ocean, possibly near the Fiji Islands, was recorded today on the University of California seismographs.

Dr Don Tocher said the quake had an intensity of about 7.5 on the Richter scale of 10. At the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Dr Charles F. Richter gave it a reading of 7.8.

Both scientists agreed the quake was of "major proportions" which could cause considerable damage in a populated area.

The earthquake was recorded in two waves.

Dr Tocher said he determined the centre of the quake to be in the south-west Pacific, but Dr Richter said he was unable to locate the direction of the shock. Both agreed it was approximately 5,000 miles off the California coast.—United Press.

Bomb Dumps Found

Penang, Apr. 15. Three big dumps of Japanese bombs, relics of World War II, occupation, have been found stored in hillside tunnels on Penang Island, North Malaya, it was reported today. Bomb disposal squads are investigating the arsenal.—Reuter.

SOVIET DESTROYERS HEAD FOR OPEN SEA

Copenhagen, Apr. 14. A Soviet destroyer flotilla headed for the open sea today after 24 hours of mysterious manoeuvres near the narrow entrance to the Kattegat, the strategic waterway linking the North and Baltic Seas.

Many observers believe the manoeuvres were designed to increase pressure on Denmark, a NATO member which has been under intensive diplomatic fire from Moscow for the last two weeks.

Danish patrol vessels had maintained a constant watch on three Soviet destroyers as they cruised between the Danish Island of Læsø and the Skaw Lightships.

A spokesman at Copenhagen naval headquarters said the Danish warships "observed" the Soviet destroyers, believed to be of the Leningrad class, and turned the watch over to Norwegian naval patrols.

He said a Soviet tanker remained at anchor off Læsø. A Danish naval spokesman said Soviet warships had carefully avoided violating Danish territorial waters.—United Press.

Complete Recovery Of Eden Predicted

Boston, Apr. 14. Sir Anthony Eden, resting comfortably after his fourth major operation in four years, today looked forward to a complete recovery from the intestinal trouble which has plagued him since 1953.

Although the doctors noted a mild degree of fever today, they said it was a normal post-operative reaction and Sir Anthony's general condition was satisfactory.

After observing yesterday's operation at the New England Baptist Hospital, Sir Anthony's personal physician, Sir Horace Evans, reassured that Sir Anthony could look forward to a complete recovery, few home to Britain today after a morning consultation with American doctors.

A bulletin issued today by the Laby Clinic, diagnostic arm of the hospital, said:

RETURNING

"He had a reasonable comfortable night. His general condition this morning is satisfactory. There is a mild degree of fever which is a normal post-operative reaction at this time."

"Sir Horace Evans is returning to London today after visiting the hospital this morning for consultation with Dr Richard Cattell and Dr John W. Norcross, of the Laby Clinic."

After yesterday's 75-minute operation to relieve a bile duct obstruction, doctors announced: "There was no inflammation and no malignancy."

Dr Cattell, who performed the operation, said Sir Anthony had withstood it very well.

Dr Cattell said there were "reasonable prospects" of complete recovery.—United Press.

Agar Khan Better

Cannes, Apr. 14. The health of 80-year-old Agar Khan, who was lately reported ill, has much improved, his wife, the Begum, said today. She said he was much thinner now.

Today, the Agar Khan took a drive in brilliant sunshine in the new Mercedes recently given to him by his second son, Sadrudin.—France-Press.

'Sell Your Jewels'

New Delhi, Apr. 14. The Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru appealed to the Indian women today to sell part of their gold and jewellery to the Government to help relieve India's difficult foreign exchange position.—United Press.

Big Robbery

Casablanca, Apr. 14. The American Express Company branch of the U.S. air base at Nouasseur was robbed of \$2,000,000 francs (US\$45,000) last Thursday night, police revealed today.—United Press.

Big Outbreaks Of Flu And Measles In Colony —DOCTORS HAVE A BUSY TIME—

Hongkong has had its worst outbreak of measles on record this year—and now thousands—men, women and children—are going down with flu and are giving Colony doctors one of the busiest spells they can remember.

A senior Government health officer said: "We've had more cases than we've ever recorded before." In the first quarter of this year there were four times the number of cases in the first quarter of last year.

The flu outbreak is more difficult to assess. It is not a notifiable disease. But reports from all over the Colony say hundreds have been stricken.

At Kowloon outpatients clinic one morning last week two doctors worked flat out treating 160 government employees—AND HAD TO TURN AWAY 200 MORE because they couldn't cope with the numbers.

School classrooms have been particularly badly hit, first with measles and now with flu. And to make matters worse, chicken pox and German measles are reported in large numbers.

On Saturday, the Headmistress of St. Paul's College Co-educational, Miss B. Kowell reported that 49 of her 480 primary school students were away with influenza, measles or German measles. "This is a record number," she said.

Young French Authoress Badly Hurt In Car Crash

Paris, Apr. 14. Francoise Sagan, authoress of the best-selling novel "Bonjour Tristesse," was critically injured today when her Aston-Martin sports car swerved at high speed, leaped a ditch and rolled over several times in an open field.

Her three passengers—Veronique Campion, Bernard Frank and Philippe Klein (all film and literary figures)—were also hurt but not seriously.

Miss Sagan, 21, remarked a year ago "I love to drive 200 kilometres (125 miles) an hour barefoot," and was publicly warned by Paris Police officials to drive carefully or have her license taken away.

Tonight she was in a coma in the oxygen tent of a Paris hospital.

Severe Concussion

The young writer, who was suffering from severe concussion internal injuries and shock, was in a serious condition.

She was taken to the Mallet Clinic in Paris after receiving first aid at the Corbell hospital near the scene of the accident.

Francoise Sagan's first novel, "Bonjour Tristesse," published when she was 18, was acclaimed by critics as a masterpiece. Her second novel, "Un Certain Sourire" (A Certain Smile) was equally popular.—France-Press.

So—Sunday School—In A Pub

Whitley Bay, Apr. 14. Fifty children went to Sunday School in a pub today.

After he had shouted "time please"—the signal for last drinks—the tavern owner Robert Jackson, cleared away the tables and laid out prayer books.

The lessons were held at the pub after the Vicar of the local church said it would be easier to accommodate some youngsters there, as they lived too far from the church.—China Mail Special.

Typhoon Report

Manila, Apr. 15. A typhoon, with winds of 140 miles an hour at the centre, was reported heading north-north-west off the Philippines last night at nine miles an hour.—United Press.

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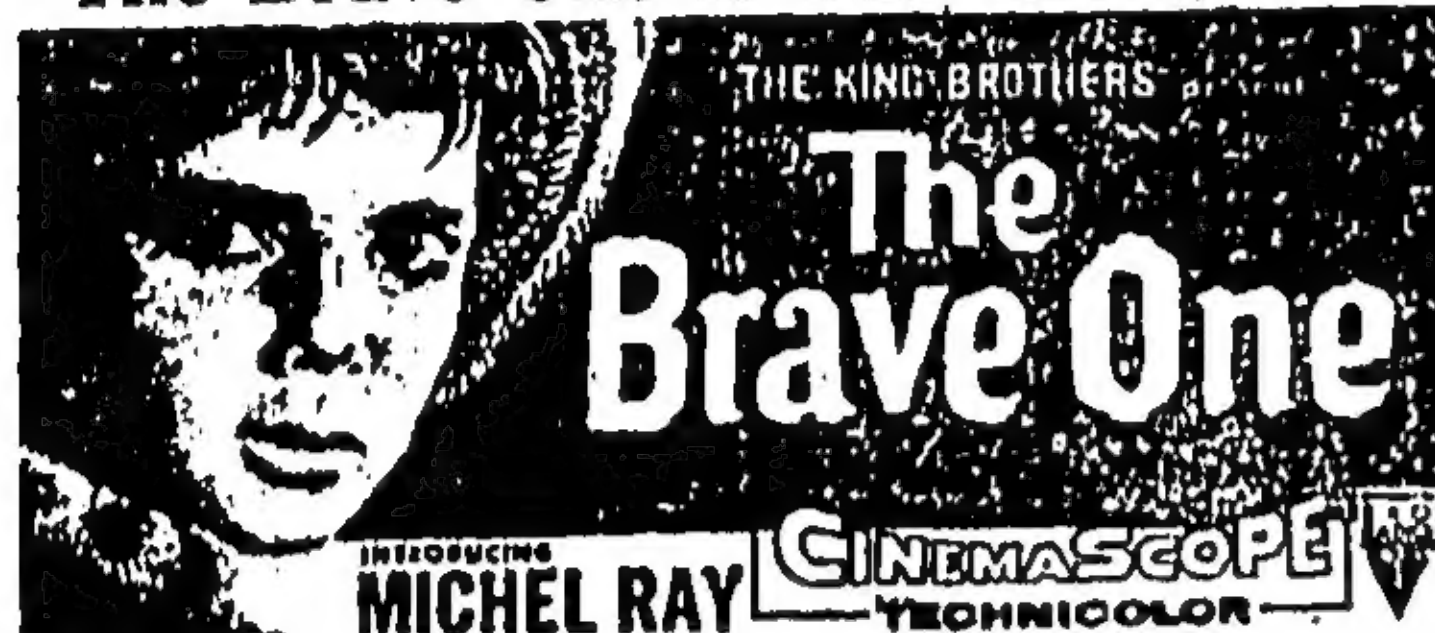
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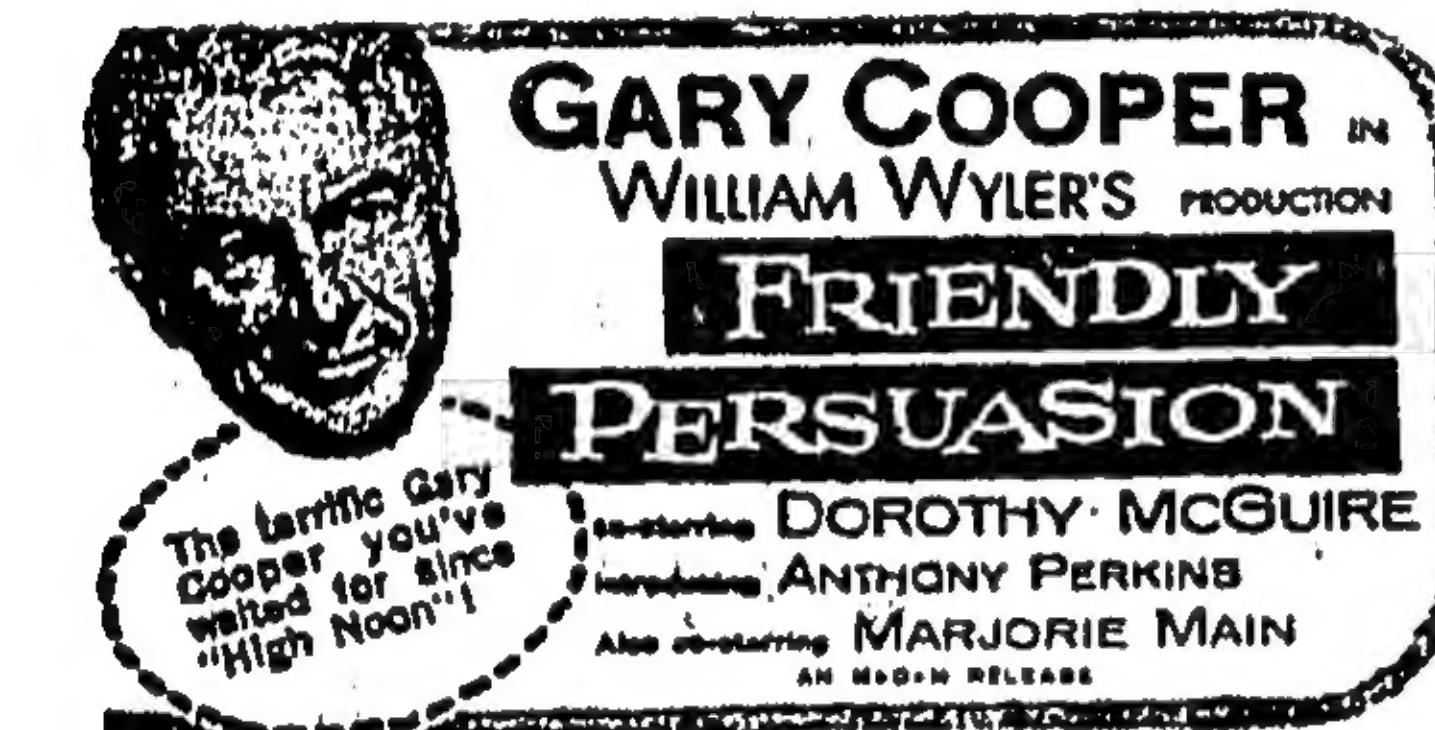


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UN READY IN KOREA

Soldiers Practise 'Scrams' As Part Of Regular Routine

Seoul, Apr. 15.

At any time, day or night, United Nations soldiers in Korea are ready to take to the hills and hold a prepared 155-mile defence line across the peninsula.

Except for a few veterans, the men are new. The tanks, guns, vehicles, aircraft, and almost everything else is the same as was used when the fighting ended in 1953.

The Commander of the United States 1st Corps, 8th Army, Lieutenant-General A. C. Trudeau, told Reuters that equipment is in perfect order and generally equal to anything the Communists have, although in the course of time obsolescent equipment could become a serious handicap.

Article three of the Korean Armistice Agreement prohibits bringing new weapons or new types of weapon into Korea and limits the quantities of existing types to replacements only.

'Made A Farce'

General Trudeau said it is well known that the Communists in the North have "made a farce" of this clause by bringing in their most up-to-date jet fighters, bombers, tanks and guns in whatever quantities they desired.

He said that the United Nations have meticulously observed the Armistice. British Commonwealth contingent officers say that their jeeps and trucks, for example, will soon be beyond repair and in any case are so old that spare parts are no longer available in sufficient quantities.

Most officers agree, however, that the gradual obsolescence of their equipment raises no immediate problem. And they believe that there would be a change in policy before the situation became serious.

The morale and efficiency of the men leaves no room for misgiving. A programme of training accustomed the men to active fighting conditions and rapid change-over from "peace-time" camps to the field at short notice, known as "scrams", has been accepted and practised enthusiastically by officers and men alike.

The British Royal Sussex Battalion particularly has distinguished itself by its "toughening up" programme, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. de F. Sleeman, OBE, MC. It landed in Korea in August last year and surprised the "old hands" by marching 140 miles across the Korean countryside "to get the kinks out after a long boat trip."

British Ready

In co-operation with the United States 21st Infantry Regiment, to which it is attached, the battalion constantly practises "scrams." There is no confusion when the order to deploy is received. Within minutes, the men are in battle kit and marching out in platoon formation to their positions.

Shortly afterwards, motor transport has brought heavy weapons, mortars, anti-tank guns and heavy machine guns into position, supporting tanks are ready to move, and cook-houses and medical aid posts are set up.

The exercises are held regardless of weather conditions. In winter, the ground may be frozen solid and covered with a foot or more of snow and the temperature somewhere near zero.

The Royal Sussex man 1,200 yards of defence line astride the historic invasion route into South Korea. A road, one of the most vital military roads in Korea, runs through their position. The road and narrow valley floor are flanked by rugged hills.

To the front, the British troops command a perfect view of a plain which any invaders must cross. It was near here that the Communists made their famous stand in the spring of 1951. Only twelve men and one officer walked out after the battle was surrounded by Chinese. Their action slowed down the Communist advance and gave units behind time to reform.

Royal Sussex

The hard working Royal Sussex have become a source of interest among United States soldiers. Colonel George McGee, Commander of the 31st Infantry Regiment, to which the Royal Sussex is attached, said that they had been "impressed with the British's constant pre-

gessional approach to the business of soldiering." The United States 24th and 7th Infantry Divisions also work hard on training programmes.

Regular Marches

Regular marches, with plenty of hill climbing, and active sports programme, and the hard but healthy climate of the Korean countryside, keep the men in peak condition.

The United States now has two divisions in Korea and the Republic of Korea has 21. Other United Nations units are the British Commonwealth Contingent (a battalion with supporting transport, medical, ordnance, signals and administrative units), a brigade of Turks, a battalion of Ethiopians, a company of Thais, and a token French group.

When the armistice was signed in 1953, United Nations forces totalled 400,000 men, organized into 10 South Korean (ROK) divisions, eight American divisions, one British Commonwealth division, and many smaller units. —Reuters.

Jungle Cat Loose In Miami

Miami, Apr. 14.

An armed big game hunter stalked the northern outskirts of Miami today but found no trace of a half-grown South American jungle cat which has been on the loose for three days.

The Humane Society hunter, Howard La Mont, has been ordered "to shoot to kill" the year-old ocelot, a near kin to the deadly leopard.

The jungle cat broke its chains at a private home in Miami on Thursday. A relentless search has been going on since that time.

But no one has seen the ocelot for some time now, and authorities are worried what might happen if they don't catch it.

Miami Humane Society director Charles Pusey said if the ocelot ever gets mad and attacks anyone it could tear a person's arm off with little difficulty.

The ocelot, about three and one half feet long, has a brown coat and black spots. The animal, named Jabo, weighs about 50 pounds.

Residents of the Miami area have been warned to keep clear of the animal if he is seen, and they were warned to keep a close watch on children, cats and dogs. —United Press.

Parachuting Banned

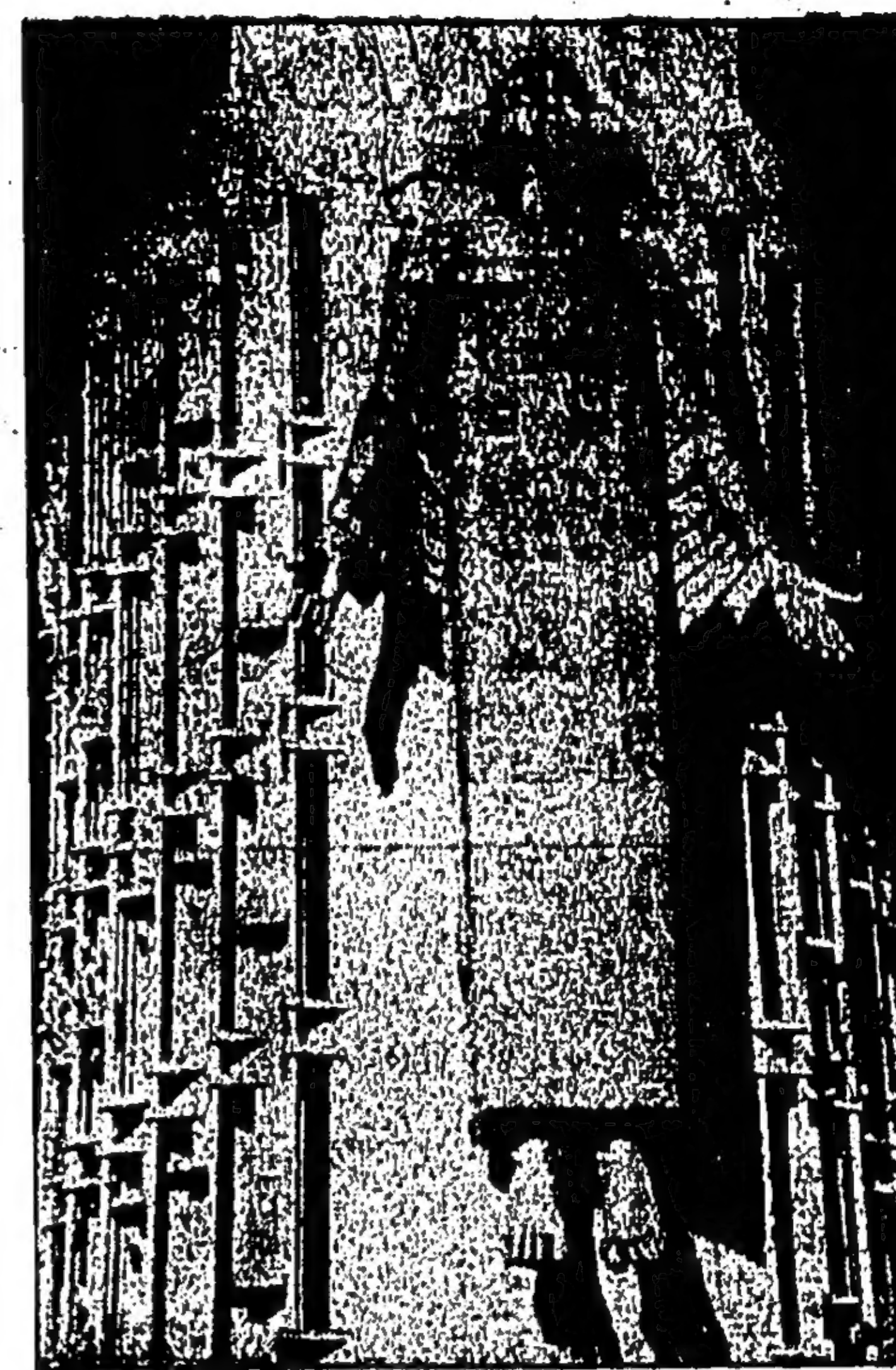
Auckland, Apr. 14.

Display parachute jumping in New Zealand has been banned, and in the meantime parachutes will be used only in cases of emergency.

The ban follows the death of a 19-year-old youth who plunged into Mangere harbour when his parachute failed to open when he was taking part in a display at Auckland.

A special committee is inquiring into parachute jumping generally and may remove the ban if proper safeguards can be devised. —China Mail Special.

'The Majestas' In Wales



"The Majestas," the 16th figure of Christ by Sir Jacob Epstein, erected on the apex of the parabola arch which spans the nave of restored Llandaff Cathedral, in Wales. It is backed by a new organ loft in contemporary style. Epstein spent 15 months on the figure of Christ, which is regarded as his greatest work. —Central Press Photo.

NASSER WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH UK AND FRANCE

...But Not With Present Govts

Paris, Apr. 14.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt says he would like to be friends again with France and Britain but not with their present governments, according to an interview published today in the weekly "Dimanche Matin."

Nasser granted the interview to editor Roger Capgras on March 8 but it was printed only today.

Nasser said in the interview it was the first he had given a French journalist since last October. It lasted three hours.

"Dimanche Matin" splashed it on page one under the banner-line "Three hours with Nasser," and the sub-heading, "It is not too late to keep the friendship of the Egyptians."

The interview, including Capgras's questions, ran to about 3,500 words.

Lost Faith

Capgras, through a member of the French right-wing most of whose members are thoroughly hostile to Nasser, has been arguing since Nasser seized the Suez Canal last July 26 that it would do France no good to break with him.

Nasser also said in the interview that:

The Franco-British invasion of Suez "makes me lose faith in democracy."

He admires the "stability" of the Portuguese system of government and is using it as a model for the Egyptian legislative elections.

He views history as Leo Tolstoy did—"history makes itself, without us, and the duty of the statesman is to follow its course without trying to modify it by words which are often needless and always imprudent."

When the Israelis and Franco-British invaded Egypt, "I ordered a general retreat of the Egyptian Army behind the Canal, because I have no pride when it is necessary to save human lives, and I decided to put confidence in the United Nations Assembly and the wisdom of the whole world."

Capgras, 58, praised Nasser more highly than any French writer has done since the Canal seizure, as "a sane, intelligent and sincere man" of "strength and loyalty."

"The clasp of his strong hand, his way of looking you straight in the eye, the friendly expression of his smiling visage are the proofs of exceptional moral and physical strength."

French Lighter

Excerpts of what Nasser said in the interview:

"My cigarette lighter is French, my necktie is French, the material in my suit is English. But I have to give up American cigarettes because our tobacco shops no longer have them."

"For four months I have abstained from speaking in public, on the radio, during press conferences while the French, British and Israeli government chiefs have not stopped explaining the events of their 'fashion'." —United Press.

NO SMOG HEATING

Richland, Apr. 14. Within a few decades, factories, office buildings and other large buildings might be heated atomically "without a speck of soot, an ounce of ash, or a cubic foot of smoke," according to Mr. S. L. Nelson, manager of one of the processing operations at an atomic unit.

He said that successful use of reactor waste heat for buildings at his centre had shown that dirt-free atomic heating was technically feasible. —Reuters.

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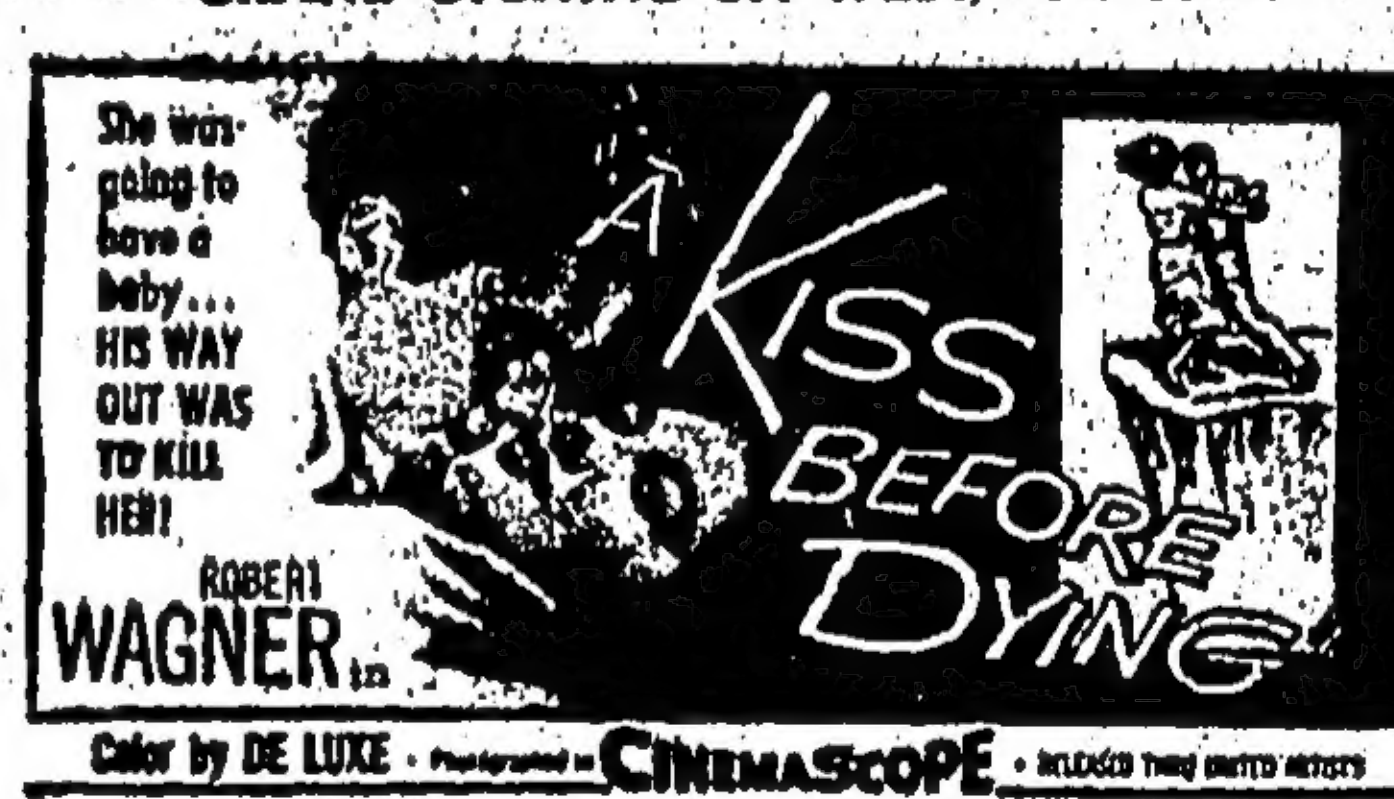
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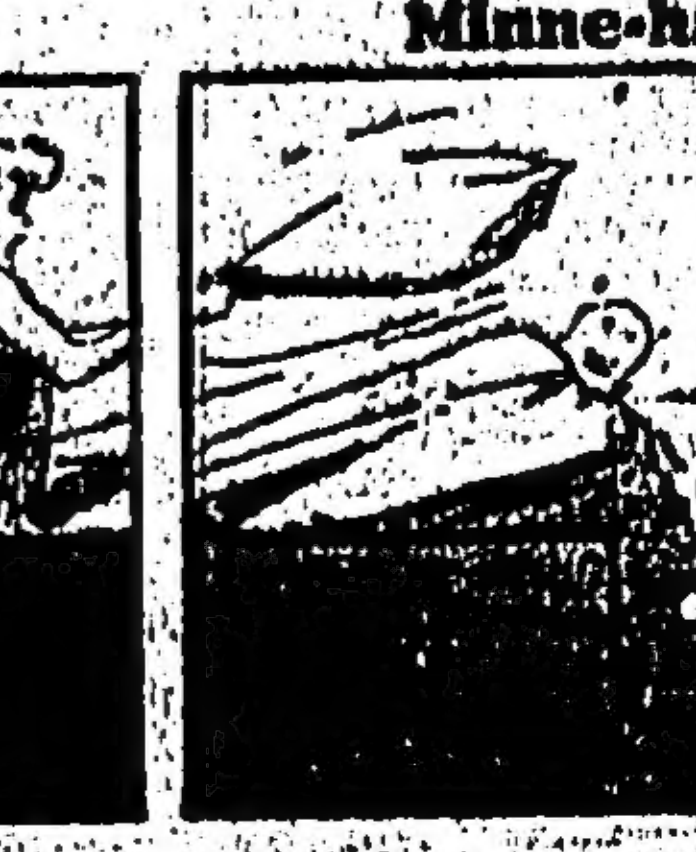
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★ MRS MERTON, a widow, takes a job as cook-housekeeper in an old rectory. The atmosphere is a strange one, for her employer has an invalid wife, tended by a nurse, and a neurotic nephew. His niece also lives there. On the nurse's night out, the ailing woman goes into a coma and dies—of poisoning. Mrs. Merton then learns that the niece's husband also died of poison. An inquest decided he had committed suicide.

By ANTHONY GILBERT

AFTER Trent had gone I went into the dining-room to see about setting the table for lunch. Someone was already there. I heard a voice.

"All I can say is it's not like the murders I'm used to."

I pushed the door open. Mrs. Hutchinson was there with Nurse Cutler. Before they could recover themselves I inquired crisply, "And what kind of murders are you used to, Mrs. Hutchinson?"

She wasn't in the least abashed. "Well, if this had been one of those detective stories we'd be a lot further on by now. Why, we've hardly started. What about fingerprints? and motives? and clues?"

"You're talking of fiction," I reminded her. "This is the truth."

"I never did see much fun in truth," was her candid rejoinder. "Mind you, if I was the police I wouldn't be in much doubt."



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Characters in the case

THE story is woven around widowed Mrs. MERTON, a housewife, cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are commercial artist MARCUS CARRINGTON, and his wife—who is bedridden—TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS. PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece of the heavy type. Mrs. Carrington is looked after by NURSE CUTLER and visited by DR. GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, blonde JOY BARNESLOW, comes to help in the garden, and another outsider is MRS. HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Semantically, the cat, completes the household.

Nurse Cutler, who

had been looking remarkably uncomfortable, made some excuse and took herself out.

"I like you, dear," said Mrs. Hutchinson unexpectedly. "If I didn't, I wouldn't be warning you."

"Warning me against what?" "In these books I was telling you about it's always the one nobody thinks of who's done it."

She Chuckled

"While in real life," I pointed out, setting knives and forks round the table with no assistance from Mrs. Hutchinson "the obvious person is usually guilty."

"If he had an alibi for the fatal two hours he was all right. But—had he?"

I heard myself say, "In any case, I don't suppose he knew—about propping her up, I mean?"

"Well, dear, you wouldn't tell the police if you did—any more than 'e would." Her eyes, as round and brown as brandy balls, never left my face.

"You say that when you sort 'er at seven o'clock she was lying down and she was all right then, but the coma, of course. But after supper she was propped up. Well, she couldn't have done it herself, not if she was in a coma, and you know she wasn't."

"I have lifted a finger to help myself. It was ring, ring, ring all the time with her."

"That was true, too. Things began to look blacker and blacker."

Prove It?

"Now the only people in the house, so far as we know, was you and Mrs. Deane, and you both say it wasn't you."

"Why on earth should I want to harm her?" I exploded. "You've just reminded me that you need a motive for murder."

Mrs. Hutchinson's gaze never wavered. "Mr. C's a nice gentleman, ain't 'e?"

"I should think so. I like you, as I said before. I wouldn't like to see you get into a mess. Say someone is arrested—It don't have to be Mr. C. Say they take Mrs. Deane. Wouldn't be the first time she's been in a mess. Well, what happens? She gets a lawyer. You know what lawyers are, twist everything to their clients' advantage. Suppose 'e suggests you and Mr. Carrington 'ad met somewhere before you come 'ere."

"It wouldn't be true," I exclaimed. "I never set eyes on Mr. Carrington until we met in the register office."

"That's what you say, dear. It's what anyone would say. But—could you prove it? Live alone, don't you?"

"Mrs. Hutchinson," I told her, "I was only recently widowed..."

"All Nonsense?"

"And you've been living alone since? No one to keep tabs on you, I mean? Well, then, you could 'ave met 'im. 'E's always going up to London to see an editor or something. You lived in London, didn't you?"

"Do you mean to suggest that he and I—that I... I couldn't take it in, I simply couldn't. What she meant, of course, was either that Marcus had come slipping in like a thief to encompas his wife's death or that we had had a secret meeting. Why, when Nurse Cutler asked me to look in on her patient that evening I told her at once that sickroom attendance was not among my duties, and I refused to go."

"Well, dear, that's what's so suspicious. I mean, it's not natural. If you told Nurse you wouldn't give an eye to 'er invalid you 'ad your reasons. That's common-sense, same as one and one make two. Then when she was asked she could say it couldn't be you because you'd said you wouldn't go near the room."

"I went into the sick-room when Mrs. Deane asked me."

"Ah, but she came, too. You was never there alone, not 'ill afterwards."

"After supper, Mrs. Deane come down to 'ave 'er bite and you went up to take 'er place. Go straight up, did you?"

It may sound incredible, but I found myself actually confessing her—well, practically accusations—seriously. Because it was all nonsense, of course it was. I hadn't had anything to do with Mrs. Carrington's death. Why should it matter to me? But in my brain a little voice said, "You may be in the clear, but what about Trent?"

Doesn't he matter? And the answer was he mattered more than anything in

It's Fatal

"Well, she wasn't snoring when you sort 'er before supper, was she? Leastways, if she was, you forgot to mention it to the police. And as for propping her up, why, with foxgloves poisoning that can be fatal."

She had my attention now at

THE GREAT OIL TRAGEDY

Little by little Britain has given the Americans a treasure beyond price

by Robert J. Edwards

FIFTY years ago Britain was the wealthiest land in the world. A vast store of treasure in the Middle East was hers alone to exploit. The treasure? Oil.

The oil rights were not ceded to Britain as the result of an act of conquest. They were eagerly granted by the Arab rulers in return for generous subsidies and armed protection against invaders. Without this British protection there would have been continuing war in the Middle East.

Safeguarded by these freely negotiated treaties, Britain began the search for the treasure. In the thirties the largest output was in Abadan. The great refinery was owned entirely by the British people, either by private investors or by the Government, which had a 51 percent holding of the shares.

Encouraged

Then, of course, seven years ago, trouble came in Persia. The trouble was encouraged by the Americans. Mr. Averell Harriman went there as the representative of the United States Government.

He told Dr. Mossadeq, who took over as Prime Minister following the murder of his predecessor, that he had a perfect right to nationalise her own railways and mines.

It was a false argument. Persia was bound by solemn treaty to do nothing of the kind. Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, favoured Mossadeq.

The Americans said no.

American pressure. Faced with American pressure, the Socialist Government, supported by the opposition, decided against nationalisation. Two years later American mediators produced their solution to the crisis—a solution that was accepted by Britain.

The solution: America should henceforth have a 40 percent share in Abadan oil. Britain's share should be whittled down to a similar percentage. And what was left should go to France and Holland.

the world—beyond my own children, of course. It was ridiculous. Why, I'd only known the man about a week. And yet—and yet—he mustn't be guilty, he mustn't be guilty. I said, "I shall be glad if you'll leave me to get on with it in peace."

Mrs. Hutchinson shrugged her shoulders. "Just thought I was doing you a kindness," she said. "You mark my words, there's going to be a murder trial here, and you don't want to find yourself in the dock."

"There isn't the remotest possibility."

"Well, I dunno. Mind you, I never poisoned anyone, but you do spend a lot of time in the garden, don't you? I've seen you myself more than once down where the 'forgeloves grow."

"Do you imagine one can just drop a handful of 'forgeloves into a dish and kill someone you don't like?" I demanded, pale with fury. "I don't know much about it, but I imagine that any poisonous concoction would need cooking up..."

"I stopped dead. I see. You mean, I am in charge of the kitchen..."

"And there's not so much as a gas-ring in the 'ouse, barring the one Mr. C. brought back for 'is wife's room a day or so back, and the man ain't been to fix it yet. Funny about artists," she added, "no use 'ave fixed it right away. You would 'ave thought Mr. Trent..."

"I have asked you once to leave me alone," I said, scarcely able to control my voice. "Now I tell you to go."

"Oh, I know where I'm not wanted," she laughed and then she was gone, calling, "Trent! Be seeing you."

I had the horrid suspicion that she was already visualising me in the dock. It was so absurd I oughtn't to have given it another thought. Yet I could think of nothing else.

• TOMORROW. — Mrs. Merton does some shopping.



ANDREW MELLON
He spoke for America—and his company got the oil.

Sir John Simon at first resisted, then caved in to Mr. Mellon's persistent demands.

Awed by Mellon's power in the United States—his fortune and influence was enormous—and cowed by repeated reminders of the vast sums that America had lent Britain the Foreign Secretary persuaded the Cabinet to agree to America having a 50 percent share in Kuwait oil.

Then at the stroke of a pen Sir John Simon gave away half of a British possession more splendid even than the gold mines of Africa.

Which is the American interest that moved into Kuwait? The Gulf Oil Company.

And who was the principal owner of that company? Mr. Andrew Mellon.

Let's be charitable and say it was "Just another Dulles Blunder" ... or

Did Dulles Really Mean To Sabotage Britain?

Washington. THE withdrawal last summer of America's offer to Nasser to finance the building of a projected high dam at Aswan was deliberately engineered by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and carried out as brutally and publicly as possible in order to "call Russia's hand in the cold war."

It was the withdrawal of America's offer of help which led Nasser to seize the Suez Canal in retaliation and which, consequently, led directly to the melancholy chapter of events in the Middle East since then.

From.....

Rene MacColl

Washington

of the book lies in the fact that it is not a book of direct interviews with Dulles himself and the book obviously has his complete approval.

The book is bound to have serious international repercussions for—as an American journalist points out—"it not only repeats all the half-healed wounds caused by Suez, but also pours great dollops of salt into them."

It will probably cause as much uproar as the direct interview given by Dulles a year ago. Some observers are already calling the book "a kind of personal but official Dulles White Paper on his Middle East activities."

Beal writes of the tense moment last summer when Nasser had been assured of 200 million dollars for the Aswan Dam from the United States, plus another 200 million dollars from the U.S.-dominated World Bank. But now the assumption was growing (in Washington) that Egypt did not now want Western help on the dam and would turn to Russia.

Intelligence

"The Soviet foreign minister had been in Cairo. United States intelligence reports concluded on what others he had made—but Russia herself never denied the Egyptian announcement of a loan offer from Moscow. Furthermore, Nasser's change of mind about the speed with which the project should be undertaken, and his raising of objections about conditions all pointed in the same direction. For Dulles a moment of cold-war climax had come."

"It was necessary to call Russia's hand in the game of economic competition. Dulles firmly believed that the Soviet Union was not in a position to

admit defeat. "Very well," they said, "if you won't allow us to buy the oil, we shall have a Canadian company."

Smoke subsided

So Canada moved into Bahrain. But only in name. For when the smoke subsided who should be revealed as the owners of the Canadian-registered company but Standard Oil of California. Another asset had been snatched.

But the greatest of all the losses was Kuwait, now recognised as probably the biggest oilfield on earth, richer than all the wealth of fabulous Texas.

America was determined to get the concession from Britain. The late Mr. Andrew Mellon, U.S. Ambassador to Britain in the early 'thirties, put immense pressure on the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon.

Almost fanatical zeal was shown by Mr. Mellon in pursuing his objective. His case rested on the fantastic argument, that America had depleted her oil reserves in the 1914-18 war and therefore Britain owed her whatever Kuwait had to offer.

And Dulles' "calculated risk" rebounded on America's chief allies, Britain and France.

Dealing with what followed, Beal says: "The big underlying reason why the U.S. differed from its partners on the approach to Nasser was that the 'colonial' attitude, making exception to the UNO charter's renunciation of force when dealing with weak or backward nations, threatened the loss of all Asia into the hands of Russia for men's minds."

For the familiar charges of "collusion" between Britain, France and Israel are repeated—but now with the implicit authority of Dulles himself.

On October 16 was a critical day. "When Eden and Selwyn Lloyd in Paris were persuaded by Mollet and Plehieu to go along on a plot which he had already cooked up with the Israelis. No American was on hand to repeat the warnings already given and the wavering British allowed themselves to be persuaded."

Stupid Allies

On the night of October 29 (by which time the Israeli invasion had started and British, French, Mediterranean Fleet movements were in full swing) "occurred an event never revealed until now. The President took the highly unusual step of summoning the British charge d'affaires to the White House (there was no British ambassador in Washington at the time). The tall, lantern-jawed, blond J. E. Coulson arrived uninvited, and was taken to the President's study."

There in the presence of Dulles and Colonel Andrew J. Goodpastor (Eisenhower's chief liaison man), Eisenhower ignored protocol to tell the Englishman how personally and gravely concerned he was about the threat to peace.

"The President's angry 'clear through' at what by this time he knew from intelligence sources was an Israel-French-British plot to seize the Canal, couched in language diplomatically but forcefully to convey to the British the depth of his feeling. Coulson had no choice but to listen."

One of America's most widely read columnists, Stewart Alsop, says of the Dulles book: "The simple device is used of blaming everything that has gone wrong on our allies—while the Dulles policy was always 'moral' and 'consistent' and 'purposeful', the policies of our allies were both stupid and dishonest. This theory of the crisis, which deserves further examination, will be studied with painful attention abroad in view of the authority with which the author clearly speaks."

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

SAINTS PUSH BLACKHAWKS
DOWN ONE RUNG
OF THE LADDER

By "TIME OUT"

In the main softball attraction at King's Park yesterday, Bimbi Ablong's Saints pushed the Blackhawks down another rung of the Championship ladder when, with the aid of three wild pitches by Ren Barretto which eluded the glove of receiver Reggie Mattos, and which were responsible for three runs crossing the plate, the Joys emerged victorious by the score of 4 runs to 2.

By virtue of this defeat the Blackhawks are now in a three-way tie with the Fundas and Saints for second place whilst the Warriors claim undisputed possession of the League leadership by a very narrow margin of one game. The South China squad once again failed to put in an appearance and conceded a walkover to the tribe on Saturday.

The Warriors have but two more League fixtures to play off, one against the Fundas and the other against the Saints. A victory for the Hawks next Sunday would mean a four-way tie, an unprecedented situation.

The first two innings passed without both sides being able to score. Both the Joys and Hawks clamped down with tight fielding, but the Hawks were the first to take the initiative.

With one away, Nado Gomes singled, went to second on a fumble by Joey catcher Sherry Bux and when Bux heaved the ball way over second Gomes was not slow in denoting the rubber for the Hawks' first run. The next two batters could make no headway against hurler Salleh and there was no further scoring.

The Joys came right back into the game in their half of the same inning as Salleh wangled a pass to first from Barretto and quickly stole second. With one away, A. G. Ismail bunted a slow roller to third mucker Robert Nunes who made a wild throw to first, Salleh ending up at third. Arl Ozorio then came through with a timely bingle, scoring Salleh to tie up the game.

Hawk hurler Barretto then had difficulty finding the plate and two grounders to receiver Mattos almost broke the back of the Hawks as two unearned runs crossed the plate for the Joys. The next two batters then popped up to end the inning, but the harm was already done.

The Hawks could not score in the next two innings as Salleh bared down their disheartened batters and in the bottom of the fifth a bunt, a sacrifice fly and a single by Dave "Bambino" Leonard saw a potential run safely parked at third. In the consternation of his teammates another wild pitch by Barretto saw yet another run scored for the Joys to lead by three runs.

Z. OED IN

In the top of the sixth, with one away, Ray Rodrigues finally zeroed in on Salleh's offerings and poked a tremendous triple over the centre-field fence. Gerry Remedios then poked a double which sailed way over the outfield and Rodrigues came home standing up to reduce the deficit to two runs.

There was no further scoring for the Hawks in the bottom of the sixth as the Joys ended with the Joys winners by two runs.

Both Salleh and his opposite number, Ren Barretto, gave up five hits each but the erratic spells of Barretto contributed to the Joys' victory. Hawk shortstop Manuel Nunes earned tremendous applause with his scintillating catch of Arl Ozorio's easy-cutter which looked good for a single in the first inning.

Immediately after their decisive defeat at the hands of the Joys the Hawks had a close shave when the Jowly CAA side fully extended them for the whole game and at one stage a stunning upset even loomed in the offing.

The Hawks scored in every inning of the game except the

last and with Vic Pedruco pitching effortlessly an easy victory seemed certain but the Athletics boys, although trailing by eight runs, staged an uprising in the bottom of the fifth to lower the margin by three runs, and really had the Hawks worried.

The Hawks added another run in the top of the sixth and with a four-run lead, a series of fumbles and a freak hit that was good for two runs cut down the Hawks' margin to two meaningless runs.

With two on and two away, the best the Athletics Harry Kwok could do was to stare at a third strike and thus throw down the drain his chances of being the big hero of the day.

Nominate YOUR
Hongkong Footballer
Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

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To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

PHIL BULL tells you...

It's Just A Matter
Of Mathematics

Compensating time performances for the ages of the horses and the weights carried calls for some measurement of the gradual improvement horses make from their early days as two-year-olds until they reach maturity at four or five years of age.

Unfortunately they don't all mature at the same time. Sprinters mature about six months earlier than out stayers. We need a table which sets out these facts of racehorse development in a usable manner, in terms of weight, over all distances, month by month throughout the year.

Over 80 years ago that crusty old racing genius Admiral Ross did a remarkable piece of work on this problem.

From that work stems the present day Weight for Age Scale, sanctioned by the Jockey Club.

Can this scale be used for our time test purposes? Yes, certainly; but none as it stands.

It has first to be rephrased in a logical manner, with the fully mature horses weighted at 9-7 throughout.

There are also a number of self-contradictions and anomalies in the scale which calls for correction.

COMPENSATION

The alternative to the Weight for Age Scale is something I devised myself after considerable research some years ago.

It is an Age, Weight, and Distance Table. Those of you who are interested in it will find it printed in full in my publication "Timeform".

With the aid of this table the compensation of time performances for age and weight is quite straightforward.

Simply compare the Actual Weights carried with the Table Weights, and translate the poundage differences into time, at the rate of .04 seconds per lb.

In the six Newmarket time performances referred to before, the two-year-old Fulfer carried 82, 11lb. The Table

Weight for a two-year-old over five furlongs in April is 82.6lb.

Fulfer therefore carried 33lb. more than the weight to which his extreme immaturity entitled him. So his time performance figure must be added up by 33 seconds.

Fulfer's age-and-weight-compensated figure is then not 1.35 seconds slow per five furlongs, but .03 seconds slow.

The other horses' time performances are adjusted in a similar manner. I'll give the figures in my final time test article.

THAT GOING

Now for this problem of weather conditions!

Race times are greatly affected by weather and underfoot conditions. Some people say they are also affected by temperature and humidity, and I agree they're right.

Three years ago I ran a very speedy two-year-old named Eubulides in the Glencree at York.

He had won at Ascot and Goodwood, but on this occasion the going was atrocious and he finally got bogged down in the mud a furlong from the finish.

The race was won by Precast in about 82 seconds for the six furlongs. Yet only a year or two earlier Windy City had won the same race in less than 72 seconds.

That 10-second difference, equivalent to 60 lengths, or getting on for a furlong, illustrates the extent to which times are affected by underfoot conditions.

The problem for the time test is how to express, in figures, the precise effect of the going upon the times on any particular day.

Newspaper reports describing the going as firm, good, soft, holding, or heavy are all right from a form student's point of view, but they are quite useless for time test purposes.

So also, to my mind, are estimates based upon depth of hoof impressions, and indeed any estimates based upon physical measurement.

Then there is the matter of the strength and direction of the wind.

A wind behind the runners in the straight will speed up all times on the straight course. But what about races on the round course with the wind against the runners for part of the journey?

This is an exceptionally difficult problem, and attempts to solve it with the aid of flags, wind-gauges and other such contraptions are laughable in their delirium.

The problems raised by wind and going are bound up with

gether, and the only proper and feasible way to deal with them is by consideration of the time data itself.

SO SIMPLE!

You have the Actual times recorded, and also the Standard time. Compare the two on a per-furlong or per-five-furlong basis, compensate for age and weight, and you have a set of figures from which the effect of going and wind can be calculated.

It is a matter of mathematics, simple enough in certain cases, but involving complicated vector analysis when there is wind effect to take into account.

Too much mathematics all round, you say? Well, that's how it is. Don't say I didn't warn you!

Phil Bull is the proprietor of the weekly "Timeform" and of the annual "Races of 1956" (published by Timeform, Albion Street, Halifax, Yorkshire).

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Dutch Against
Nationalism
In Olympics

The Hague, Apr. 13.

The Dutch Olympic Committee is to suggest to the International Olympic Committee that the nationalistic element should be eliminated from future Olympics.

Doctor J. Linthorst Homan, the President, said at the annual meeting of the Dutch Olympic Committee here today: "There are Olympic Games and we must go on with them, but we do not altogether agree with the way in which they are organised. Holland did not compete in the Melbourne Olympic Games last November."

In reply to a request from the I.O.C., who had asked national committees for proposals concerning the organisation of the Olympic Games, the Dutch committee is to propose:

That competitors should all wear the same Olympic dress during the opening and closing ceremonies.

They should march in groups, according to the various sports, and not in national formations.

There should be no flags carried in the parade. The Olympic hymn should be played instead of national anthems during the victory ceremonies, and that the Olympic flag and not national colours should be hoisted to honour victors.—Reuter.

TAKE MY TIP, YOU HIT-OR-BUST GOLFERS!

My First Aim Now Is
To Find The Fairway
From The Tee

Says PETER ALLISS

(British Ryder Cup player, and one of the longest hitters in golf)

Extra length—that is the aim of all average golfers when spring returns and the ball sits up on the fresh grass asking to be hit.

I don't blame them. For the over-40 player, extra length is the sign that he is not so old after all; for the young players it seems the one answer to the problem of that single-figure handicap.

We pros get the same feeling. It looks so good when the ball rolls and rolls out of sight along the mown fairways.

But I must give a warning—based on my personal experience.

For the last 10 years I have been hitting the ball pretty well flat out. This in spite of the fact that I have a father—a fine teacher—telling me that I was all wrong.

I confess that I have got quite a kick out of being spoken of as one of the longest hitters in the country.

But it hasn't won me enough competitions. It has not made me score consistently in the 60's, which is necessary nowadays to take the money.

At autumn I decided that this was just not good enough.

I have ended my impetuosity in favour of keeping on the course.

LESS BODY

I have cut down some of my body movement, keep my left heel on the ground now throughout the whole swing, and use a faster wrist action. My first aim now is to find the fairway from the tee.

It is the same with iron shots, particularly the lofted irons. I use one club more than usual, take a three-quarter swing and a shortish, firm follow-through.

For instance, where before I would hit all out with a No. 8 or 9, I now take a three-quarter shot with a No. 7.

Although I am a club or so shorter I find I can direct my swing much better and I have more confidence. Indeed, I won the Spanish Open last autumn as a direct result.

I don't want to suggest that you start steering the ball. It must still be hit firmly and hard. But give up that "hit-or-bust" idea and concentrate on control.

It helps, too, if you try a slightly narrower stance. Line up with the bottom of the club blade square to the line of flight (not the top, which might lead to a "shut" face). Keep the ball a little in front of the ball and the wrists firm.

Beware of several misleading slogans. Most misleading of all is "Never up, never in."

Isn't it better to be dead—even a yard short—from a five-yard putt, than to slide off, past?

I have never seen Bobby Locke, one of the world's finest putters, a long way past the hole. He's invariably short, if not in first finishing.

Another misleading slogan is "Be up!" Remember that all the trouble is usually beyond the green. It is better to leave yourself a little run-up than have to hack back out of a bush.

Then there is that "straight left arm." It should be a "firm left arm." Don't make it a ramrod.

That tip of trying to keep a handkerchief in place under the right arm on the back-swing is sheer fiction. I have never seen a good player with his right elbow close to his side at the top of the back-swing.

I hope you have been keeping a club at home and making a point of swinging it each night or before you leave for work.

Your muscles will need loosening and strengthening after the winter lay-off. Even if you do this, only a few minutes before your week-end game, it will make all the difference to those first few holes.

When you come to the first match or competition of the year, don't expect to start playing wonder golf without some preparation. The professional can't after a week of giving lessons, so what chance have you?

Take a dozen balls—not 50—and knock them up the practice fairway with two or three of the lofted irons. Then back again with your No. 3 and 4.

Next hit two with your No. 4 wood or spoon, and then two drives. Tie the ball up high. Two minutes, possibly, is sufficient use of the teeing ground—the only place where you can do what you like.

Finally, put a couple of balls across the practice green, just

to get the strength. Don't try the four-lofters. Should you miss a few, and then get one on the first green, you will have had it!

If you can make the time for this ritual each week-end, you may find it of more use than a series of lessons. It will help you immensely in any case, and stop the running of a card by those first few bad holes.

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Bishop Auckland
Win Amateur
Cup Final

Wembley, Apr. 13.

Bishop Auckland, from County Durham, made history here today by winning the English Amateur Cup Final for the third successive year, beating their south country opponents, Wycombe Wanderers, by three goals to one. They led 2-1 at the interval.

The Bishops gave a magnificent display to make it their ninth win in the 64-year-old history of the Cup. They had been in six of the last eight finals.

A near capacity crowd of 80,000 saw an exceptionally fine final. Both teams employed long sweeping passes and the play was always at a good speed.

The Bishops got their opening goal in the 18th minute, when centre-forward Billy Russell took a pass from Hardisty and banged the ball home.

Wycombe equalised in the 38th minute when outside-left Frank Smith netted from 20 yards following a faulty clearance.

Two minutes later Derek Levin, the Bishops inside-right crashed home the ball after the goalkeeper had partially cleared.

Wycombe began to tire as the game ended and Warren Bradley, Bishops right-winger, hooked the ball into the net following a corner in the 71st minute to give the holders a 3-1 victory.—Reuter.



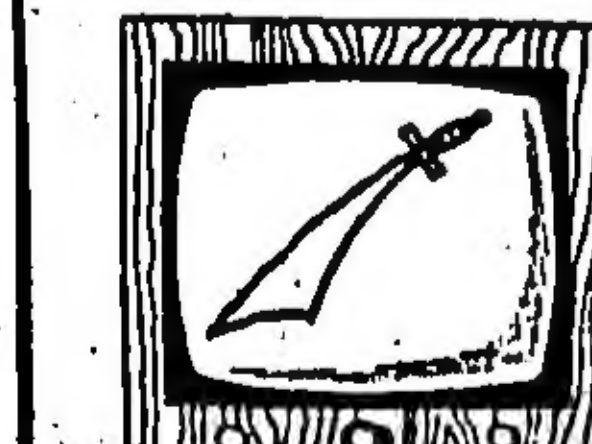
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A new lighting system costing approximately £9,600 has been installed in Kingswood, near Bristol. One hundred and twenty-two fluorescent lanterns have been supplied and erected by The General Electric Co. Ltd to replace the previous gas lighting.

The new system was planned by Mr W. E. H. Rendle, Engineer and Surveyor to Kingswood Urban District Council to provide an efficient overall lighting system for 3½ miles of road including streets which carry heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The newly lit streets include a section of road on the main artery to Chippenham, Marlborough, Newbury, Reading and London. Vehicular traffic in and out of Bristol is heavy, especially during the summer months when it is increased by the presence of thousands of holiday makers on route to such resorts as Clevedon and Weston-Super-Mare.

For such a location the natural choice was for floodlighting due to the high light output, freedom from glare and pleasant aesthetic effects.

Supply Poles

The new installation uses 43 G.E.C. Z.8381 "Three-Eighty" lanterns, each using three 80W Osram warm white fluorescent tubes; 29 G.E.C. Z.8281 "Two-Eighty" lanterns each housing two 80W Osram warm white fluorescent tubes, most being mounted at a height of 25 ft on Concrete Utilities 3D concrete columns.

Others, about 18, are mounted on specially designed brackets for securing to existing

BROADCASTING STATION FOR BRUNEI

Brunei, on the north-west coast of Borneo, is to have its first broadcasting station. The Brunei State Council has approved plans for the establishment of a broadcasting system, and Marconi's have been entrusted with the survey, planning, installation and commissioning of the technical side of the project.

The scheme includes the provision of a modern Broadcasting House in Brunei Town, a transmitting station at Tutong, and an additional small studio at Seria.

The Broadcasting House will comprise one large and two small studios with the usual administrative and programme offices. It is to be fitted with the latest types of Marconi equipment, with facilities for tape recording all types of disc reproductions and the handling of outside broadcasts.

Programmes from Brunei's Broadcasting House will be fed by a Marconi VHF F.M. high-quality broadcast link to the transmitting station at Tutong, some 35 miles away, while another VHF F.M. radio link is to be provided for engineering control purposes.

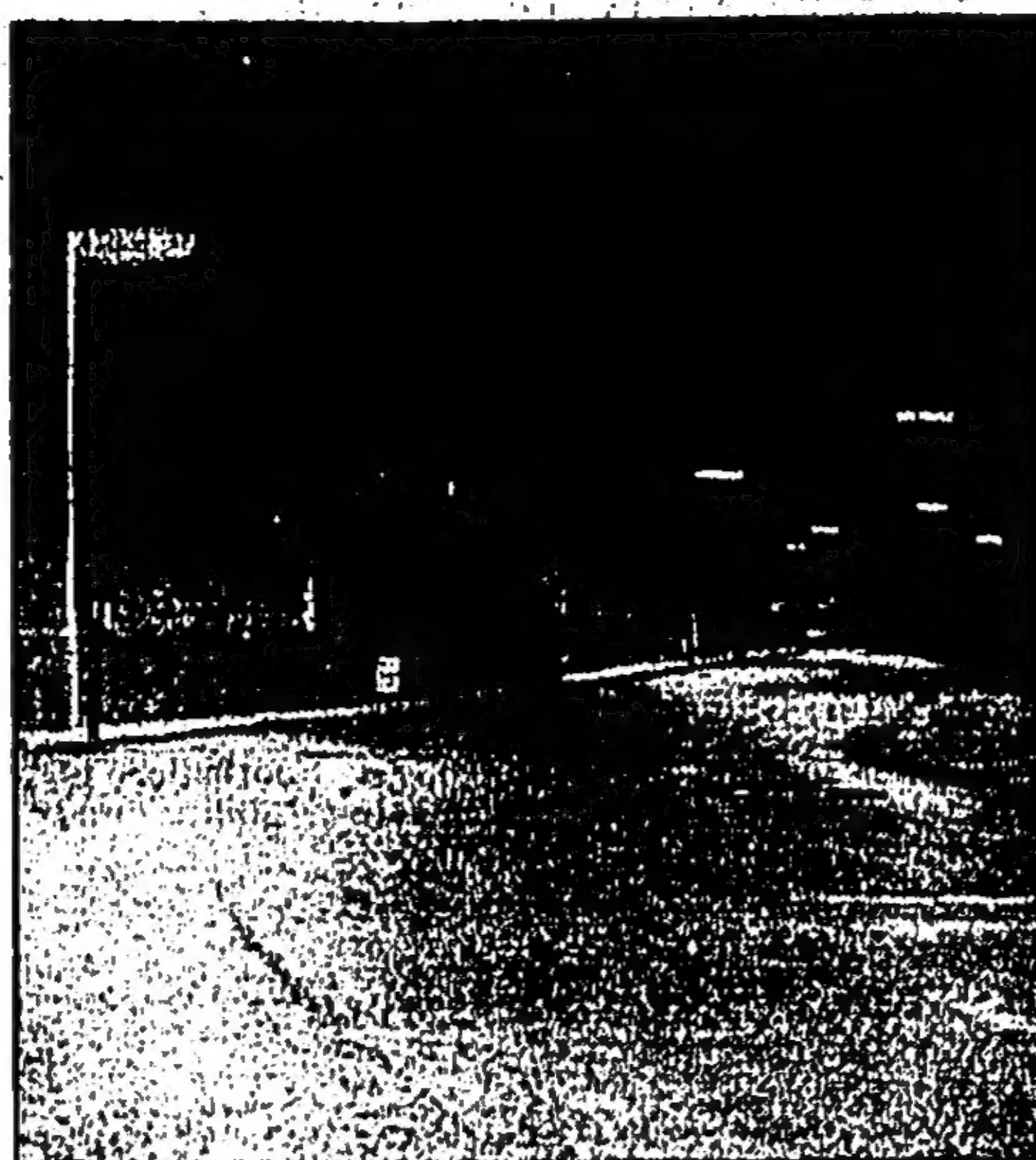
The transmitter at Tutong will be a Marconi 20cW medium frequency equipment, feeding into a quarter-wave mast radiating 90 metres in height. Initially, however, a pilot service will be brought into operation with programmes being radiated from a Marconi 2kW transmitter installed in a temporary studio building at Brunei Town.

This temporary service will have a dual purpose, namely, the provision of a programme service of one to two hours daily, and at the same time, giving training and operational experience to the technical, programme, and administrative staff. Eventually the 2kW transmitter will be moved to Tutong and will act as standby to the 20cW transmitter.

S.W.E.B. poles carrying overhead mains. The installation is completed by 50 G.E.C. Z.8247 "Two-Forty" Perspex refractor lanterns, each housing two 2 ft. 40W Osram fluorescent tubes. Some of these "Two-Forty" lanterns are mounted on Broadacre 500 columns with special brackets, and others on metal brackets fixed to existing S.W.E.B. overhead supply poles.

The "Three-Eighty" and "Two-Eighty" lantern bodies are built up on a steel frame-work and covered with aluminium sheet. Light control is provided by "Perspex" refractor plates cemented one to each inner side of an unapertured "Perspex" dish. The materials used for each type of lantern body are specially selected for their resistance to corrosion.

The lanterns have been installed at an average spacing of 130 ft and the average width of the roads illuminated is 30 ft.



GEO "Three-Eighty" lanterns in Kingswood near Bristol on the main artery to Chippenham.

Portable Central Heating Has All Advantages

The advantages of "Plug-in central heating" will be demonstrated at the 1957 British Industries Fair (Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 6 to 17) by the world's biggest manufacturers of permanently oil-filled electric radiators—Dimplex Ltd. of Millbrook, Southampton, England.

Being shown for the first time will be "Dimplex" electric convectors heaters and infra-red filled electric towel rails, airing

cupboards and general-purpose heaters.

Advantages claimed for the electric radiators are that they give all that conventional central heating can give, with none of the drawbacks, and that they are completely portable—they can be wheeled from room to room if required. The new towel rail will be of special interest, since, by meticulous development and quantity production, the price is unusually low.

HAND POWDER MILDER THAN TOILET SOAP

A powder hand cleanser already well established in Britain and the United States of America is likely to be widely used on the European Continent in the near future. This is "Boraxo", which, containing no harsh abrasives, is completely soluble and is claimed to be milder than toilet soap. Nevertheless, as many factory owners have proved to their satisfaction, it removes grease, grime and chemicals from workers' hands.

With the powder is supplied a steel dispenser designed to stand up to rough usage and embodying a metering device to ensure economy in use. The cleanser and dispensers will be exhibited by the makers, Borax Consolidated Ltd., of Borax House, Carlisle, London, S.W. 1, at the 1957 British Industries Fair (Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 6 to 17).

An entirely new range of infra-red cooking equipment for the home and for the restaurateur will also be shown for the first time at the 1957 British Industries Fair. For domestic use there are a grill and a cooker-grill (the latter is, in fact, a complete cooker in itself), while for caterers two types of grill will be exhibited. All are chromium plated, and the grill plates are silicone-treated. The manufacturers, Maglock Appliances Ltd., of 10 to 12, Shirland Mews, London, W. 9, will also be showing a new pressure cooker and an "Espresso" domestic electric coffee machine.

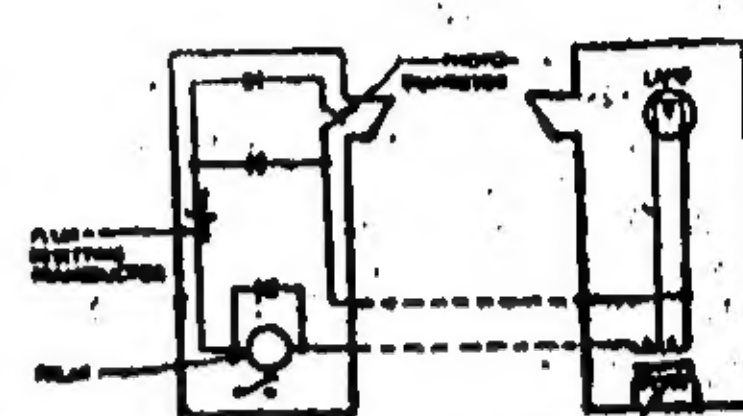
After much research, it has been found possible to produce draught excluders with a sponge rubber base in place of the normal felt base; this innovation will be shown for the first time at the 1957 British Industries Fair by the makers, Smith Slater Ltd., of Warton Street, Lytham St. Anne's, Lancashire, England. This firm has been manufacturing draught excluders for nearly 100 years and its products may be found in Royal palaces and council houses.

MAGISTOR PHOTO ELECTRIC CONTROL HAS MANY USES

The 'Magistor' photo-transistor relay introduced by Metropolitan-Vickers is a new development in photo-electric controls. It is intended for use instead of mechanical limit switches in cases where it is not permissible or possible to touch the initiator and where the speed of operation of a mechanical switch may lead to wear and failure.

Typical applications are counting, level control, warning devices, height gauges, door control, smoke detection, inspection, edge position control, material handling, sequence checking and sorting.

This new relay dispenses with the need for thermionic valves, large photo-electric cells and h.t. supplies. The units are of small dimensions, and interconnections are reduced to two wires. The total power consumption is only 16 W. The combination of a simple circuit and printed wiring enables a thoroughly reliable equipment to be offered at an attractive price.



The 'Magistor' photo-transistor relay circuit.

The equipment consists of two small units, a lamp box and a receiver. The lamp box contains a transformer supplying a pre-focused lamp, whose light passes through a lens to produce a parallel beam. This light is directed on to the receiver unit where it is focused by a lens on to the photo-transistor. The output of the photo-transistor energises a flux-reversing transducer, which controls a relay having changeover contacts. The relay operates when the light beam is broken.

Transducer

The photo-transistor employed is a germanium-junction transistor, which is light sensitive and has the advantages of small size (¼ inch diameter x ½ inch long), high sensitivity, low-voltage operation, robustness, and reliability. The flux-reversing transducer is simply

a choke wound on a core of special material, whose impedance can be varied by the action of the applied voltage during the reverse half cycle; thus it responds to applied signals in approximately 1/100 second on a 50-c/s supply. The circuit is so arranged that the transducer has very high impedance when light falls on the photo-transistor and a very low impedance when the light beam is interrupted. The transducer is connected in series with the relay coil across an external supply and acts like a magnetic switch, closing the circuit and energising the relay whenever the light beam is cut off.

The 'Magistor' photo-transistor relay can be supplied with electrical counters for speeds of up to 10 per second. Batching counters are available to deal with any predetermined quantity. — (Local distributors: Arnold and Company).

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

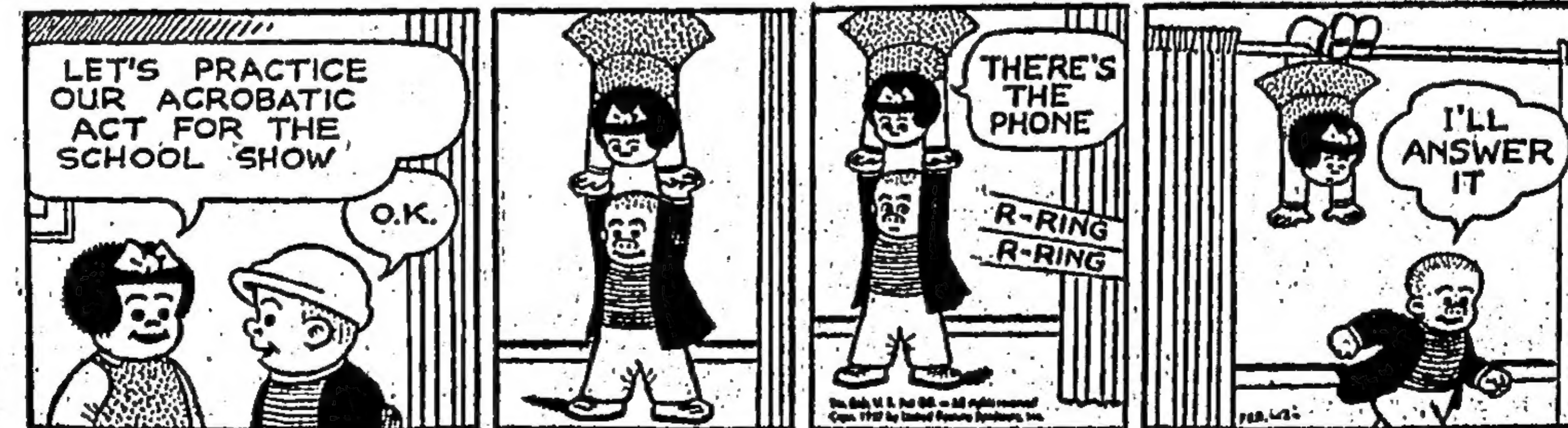
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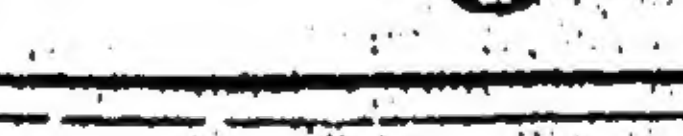
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A mobile asphalt and tarmacadam plant capable of going into production at rates from 50 to 80 tons an hour within 30 minutes of arriving on site has been produced by an English East Midlands firm.

The running gear comprises two twin pneumatic-tired wheels at the front and four twin pneumatic wheels fitted to a compensating bogie at the rear. If low travelling height is necessary, the bogie can be removed easily and lowered down a runway on to a truck, trailer or rail wagon.

One diesel engine or electric motor drives the entire plant, or there can be separate electric motors for each section. Optional extras include a dust filter, elevator, wet type dust collector, heavy oil pre-heating equipment, mixing material hopper, and batch timing gear.

A reciprocating feeder gives controlled feed to ensure good drying and accurate temperature control. A hopper with one, two or three compartments is mounted over a shaft tray which is reciprocated by an eccentric shaft. The tray movement, and the discharge doors on the hopper, are adjustable so that the rate of feed can be controlled accurately. With the mobile model, the feeder section is hinged up for transport.

Carpet Sweeper

Among the exhibits being shown at the 1957 British Industries Fair (Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 6 to 17) by the Machine Division of Short Brothers and Harland Ltd., Regent Street, London, W. 1, will be a new two-roller Metoluk carpet sweeper, the first model to be produced in two colours. This sweeper has a selective three-depth vacuum control, a cleaner, a roller with pile of varying thickness, and cleans deeply without pressure.

Also being exhibited by this firm, which was the first aircraft manufacturing company in the world, will be the 'Bambi' ultra-lightweight plane for use with the 'Bambi' radio-controlled winged glider.

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Mr Stewart further added that his client was in financial difficulties at the time.

The plane's registration number is RD771.

The meeting was presided over by Mr Teh Chi-khun, chairman of the Board of Directors. Other directors present were Messrs Wong Tok-sau, Lim Young-ting and Miss Tan Jen-chiu.

RIOTS TRIA AT THE SUB

The trial of 14 men charged with rioting outside the Pao Hsing Cotton Mills in Tsun Wan last October continued this morning at the Criminal Sessions after an adjournment of four days last week owing to the illness of six of the accused.

The trial is proceeding.

Year	Births	Deaths	Excess of Births over Deaths
1947	42,473	13,231	29,242
1948	47,475	13,414	34,061
1949	54,774	16,287	38,487
1950	60,600	18,465	42,135
1951	68,500	20,580	47,920
1952	71,876	19,480	52,396
1953	75,544	18,300	57,244
1954	83,317	19,283	64,034
1955	90,511	19,080	71,431
1956	96,746	19,293	77,453

The above diagram prepared by the EPA illustrates how Hongkong's population has grown in the last 10 years.

The Family Planning Association says there is no evidence yet to show that the trend of population growth is likely to change much over the next few years and an increase of at least 80,000 seems likely for 1987.

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This doctor described the measles outbreak as "seasonal" and said he experienced the largest number of cases about two months ago.

"Generally it lasts four or five days. You get a chill, fever, bone aches, a cough and that clears up after three days and your cough lasts another two days."

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TUESDAY, APRIL 14
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Kuming, Hankow, Hoihow, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Cambodia, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 1 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.

Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 3 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Thailand Burma, India, Pakis-
tan, Middle East, Africa, Great
Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.

Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
My Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Mexico, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
By Air-Sea

China, People's Republic 7 a.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 11 a.m.
Hawaii, noon.
Indo-China, Noon.
Mexico 1 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
6 p.m.
North America 4 a.m.

ER SHOT DEAD

Djakarta, Apr. 14. — the "maritime" report.

Air Force headquarters announced today that an officer on Timor Island had been shot and killed in an escape attempt after "treason."

The military situation on the Indonesian island has been tense for the last few days and press reports have said there was a "military" there last week. There was no official confirmation.

from a state and city in Mexico. The dog is native to Mexico and south-west U.S.A. and is believed to antedate the Aztec civilisation.

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